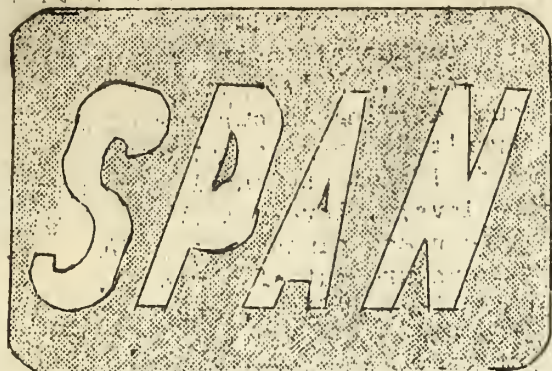
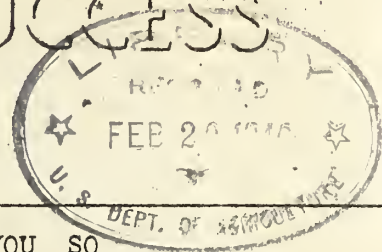


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BIRTHDAY PARTY HUGE SUCCESS



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MR. NEAL FARM CREDIT CLUB SPEAKER

Deputy Adm. Neal was invited to a dinner of the Farm Credit Club (employee organization of the Farm Credit Adm.) held May 4 at the DeSota Hotel. Mr. Neal spoke glowingly for 20 minutes about the REA program, after which was shown that famous REA thriller "POWER AND THE LAND."

REA HIKERS ON THE MARCH AGAIN

Sunday, May 21, it's to West Lake Park. All hikers will meet at 3 p.m. at the Wellston Loop (you can reach the Loop on the Page-Wellston or City Limits St. Cars) and will take the St. Charles bus to Fee Fee Road (fare 15¢). From there they will hike about 5 miles along shady lane to the Park. The Park is now open and anyone interested may roller skate or ride the roller coaster. Mammy's Barbecue Inn is located just across the highway from the Park---so those who do not care to pack a lunch may have barbecued rib sandwiches for 25¢ or 30¢. Hot dogs and hamburgers may be purchased in the Park. There are plenty of tables in the Park for those who prefer to take a lunch. The fare back is 20¢ - so bring 35¢ for the county bus fares and 10¢ for the Hiking Club fund, plus whatever you care to spend at the Park for lunch and amusement.

REA GOLFERS

Last Sunday the boys were out getting their vitamin D and fresh air, and made the following scores:

George Dillon	97
George Lewis	126
H. V. Killion	94
J. Warner Pyles	94
W. H. Wochler	87

REA CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

FOR SALE: Several new prewar cameras. See Frank Linder, Room 947.

FOR SALE: Four rooms of furniture. See John Tvelia, Room 1043.

HELP WANTED: Nellie Mellett is no longer able to order books at reduced cost for REA'ers because of her work. We wish to thank her for her time and effort. In view of this, we are looking for someone else to take her place. Anyone wishing to take over this activity, please contact Joan Markland.

WE TOLD YOU SO

Even though it may be a little corny, we're happy to be able to say "We told you so." The birthday party was undoubtedly one of the very best we have had so far. The music was delightful, the dinner was delicious (the best of any party), and the atmosphere of the Starlight Roof was elegant. Toastmaster Harry Slattery and all of the speakers seemed to have an extra zip, the guest speaker, Robert H. Shields being particularly gracious.

The wonderful success of the party was due to the untiring efforts of the REAAA officers, committee members, who cooperated and worked together. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the Athletic Association, B. B. Winsett, Chairman, Joan Markland, Co-Chairman, and the following committee members:

Advisors

W. J. Neal
V. D. Nicholson

Decorations & Favors

Ruth Miller
F. B. Scott

Escorts

Ethel Johnson

Music

J. R. Cobb

Program

C. E. Brown
L. K. Jorgensen

Seating

J. H. Arndt
Ethel Lincoln
(Alt) Viola Schmidt

Publicity

J. J. Weeks

Tickets

J. R. O'Brien

Invitation Committee

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Mary M. Zugel
Eileen O'Brien
Patricia A. Cratty
Carl Bullock

Howard V. Killion
Ivan A. Bosman
Jeanette Andring
Frances Clausen
John E. Donahue
Donald Mackay

One of the highlights of the party was the REA Kilowatts' singing in Gay Ninety costume. Everyone enjoyed their lusty renditions which added extra sparkle and jest to the party. We want J. Warner Pyles to take a bow for his leadership of the community singing. For party gossip read Didjknowthat column.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PHOTOGRAPHS

A group picture of the REA 9th Annual Birthday Party is being circulated for inspection on the various Bulletin Boards. Watch for it when it appears on your floor.

Orders are being accepted by Charles E. Brown, Room 1106. The Price is \$1.00. Size 12" X 20".

FLASH!

Monday, May 22nd, is Maritime Day and it has been announced that John M. Carmody, former Administrator of REA, will be the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. No other details are available at this time.

DIDJA KNOW THAT

'Twas a gay and colorful affair and one that will be long remembered. It is all over now until next year when we celebrate our Tin-th or whatever anniversary it is when friends and sympathizers bring in due compensation for the "sparring partners" having hung together under all circumstances for a mere decade. The handsome gents and lovely gals were much in evidence and it was most auspicious that the "smoothies" from the "big top" could arrange their work out here so that it would coincide with our party. Mr. "Nic" has never missed one that we know of; J(aunty) Lynch found that the budget really needed budgeting; R. H(andsome) Shields had most pressing legal matters to look after in the mid-west - particularly after the D.A.'s build-up for the REA femmes; K. Blackburn was returning to his first love and Mr. Hilbun must have come along for the ride though rumor has it that he did right well by himself. 'Twas nice they could be here and we shall hope that they can find time to play with us another day. The pictures are now on display and the most intriguing table is the large one in the foreground just boasting with two of that almost extinct - well, you all know. After nine telephone calls the supplier is still a mystery, all swearing that a man came along and left them there - he was probably waiting for a street car!! And speaking of pictures brings to mind that after watching A. Walters "squatez-vous-ing" at all angles and in positions such as have never before been seen we nominate him for a place in the ballet if and when those ranks become depleted of their svelte contortionists. Joe Rogers now with the D. Hannegan publicity hounds and once famous reporter - (or should that be prefaced with an "in") - for Info has written he has recently discovered we have a publication called the RE NEWS and could he have a few back numbers (no slurs implied) and also passes on the information that Norrie Stephens, another old Info member, has gone over to help get this mess over. R. Douglas Smith is in a spot - Papa Dionne was never in a worse one. Six pups arrived to Miss Take (should have been Folly) and now three suitable doggie and three suitable - well, skip it - names must be found for the Sextet. R.D. will be most grateful for any and all suggestions BUT be ver-e-e-y careful - 'member your E.Rs. J. H. Crevasse who lives at Amherst St., U.City has lost his chauffeur and wants to find an empty seat in somebody's jalopy so he can get in on time in the a.m. If anyone has such a thing please call him. T. O'Reilly, another Legaler, wants a small but effective club with which to ward off the damosels and H. Bryan (Ext. 347) wants whoever borrowed his Schaefer pencil on the last night of bowling to please return it and PRONTO. Now we have heard everything - the Board of Ill. 43 Pulaski project has passed a resolution instructing the Manager to purchase materials and we quote "to build a suitable boat for our needs" and this because... "a large portion of our lines had been under water for 2 successive years" - that's one way of getting a "yach-et". Leroy Myer may be back with us soon. R. Garcia writes from San Diego he's glad he picked the Navy - one in every port and he has hopes, and J. Leavitt looking like an Admiral has left us to report at Ft. Schuler. N.Y.C. the gals were surely in a dither when Jack made his rounds of goodbyes. The Ellsworth Johnsons are sending out cards announcing the arrival of Patricia Anne on April 19. Ellsworth used to be one of the D&Cers but is now with the Navy Department. Bob Howell who has been sojourning in the hospital will emerge sometime this week sans the little vermiform. L.L. Beatty, the good Samaritan, is taking a.l. to

see that Bob is toted home without any mishaps and with a lapel "mike" will broadcast their progress along the route. We're going to have a house warming in our new quarters - 'twon't be easy to get around in but we feel that one should really view the lovely, lovely hotbox which those space planners from Washington can conjure out of a window, a door, a ceiling, a floor, and tear their hair when we ask for more. UNDER THE STARS: The Administrator tripping the light fantastic with pretty Mrs. Karnes while E. K. seemed to be training for a hog-calling contest; lovely Mrs. Neal with her gay and infectious laugh and the D. A. as proud as Punch; G. Gilmore with his harem and all others he could gather unto himself; E. Johnson doing her bit as always in trying to pacify the boys who came to dance and had to listen; shades of G.W.T.W. - R. Reed and T. Wilson busting right out of their bodices; M. Etter ditto and teaching Ray Earickson, M. Bohannon's pride and joy, such steps as to cause a concerted movement of the other trippers to a place of safety - or else; Mrs. L. P. Slattery with a snappy red hat which only enhanced her comeliness; E. Mamer out-Carmen-ing C. Miranda; George Dillon looking for someone to take him home in a cab on account of he parked his where-with-all where he couldn't remember; M. Monson with the best of the bottle goods; somebody's eye-opener wasted on somebody's footsies; L. Bean as usual surrounded by a galaxy of pretty gals - that's how he got his "B" card; JKO'S with a gal in his arms and wishing he was an octopus - now don't get any wrong ideas - 'twas his pretty daughter, Marcella; E. A. and Mrs. Wright swinging and swaying in a little area all their own; that man Abner Woods really going places with music; T.W.T. complaining that this department has put a crimp in his love-life; H. Hartogensis with what we thought was a hair cut only to discover he had all of them cut and moved over to his upper lip; M. Barry amongst the missing on account of doin' the town with brother Jack home on furlor; J. Farmer also missing 'cause he had to stay home and tend the babies but loaned to his boyfriend one of the nursing bottles, the contents of which would have made any baby roll over and yell for help.

FLASH! FLASH!

We have just been informed that Max Rothpletz and Norma Reeder tied the knot, May 9, 1944. The bridal gown was sumptuous and we hear Mr. Sammy who gave the bride away wore a proud grin.

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